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Conversation between Ambassador Fletcher Warren and Mr. Dulles on 27 April 1956.

D -"Ambassador, how are you?"

A -"Well, I...

D - "Good to see you again."

A -"Thank you so much."

D -"Sit down. I though we could have a little talk alone then I'll have the boys come in.

A - "That's very nice. I appreciate that. I'm feeling the effects of my shots. Other than that I'm doing alright.

D -"When do you get off?"

A -"I leave here next Thursday. I'll go to New York for a week then I will be in
(Mr. Dulles speaks)

D-"Do you want a smoke?"

A -"Thank you, I'm not smoking. I'm trying not to."

D -"I'll give you a good cigar."

A -"Thank you. It is a great temptation."

D -"Do you want to fall for it?"

A -"Well, I shouldn't but ...

D -"Here, this is the best one I have. It is a small one."

A -"That's the kind Sir Winston smokes."

D -"It is among the best."

A -"Well, how have you been sir?"

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D -"I've been very well."

A -"You look well."

D - "I've been busy, have problems but still . . . Have you seen my brother yet?

A -"Yes, I had the pleasure of seeing him. He came down.

D -"Oh yes, we appreciate all your help down there and I think we had very pleasant relations.

A -"Well our relations down there have been very pleasant."

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A -"And may I say I expect to continue that way."

D -" I'm sure you will and I want to tell you, and I'll tell the various Ambassadors, anytime anything comes up that you want to write me personally through Lloyd Henderson, or anyway you want to do it, don't hesitate to do it. If any problem arises, personality problems of any kind, let me know about it.

A -"Get it out of the way."

D -"Get it out of the way. I'll understand it, I've had ten years in the service myself you know, a way back.

A -" You may not remember, but I first met you then."

D -"Yes I know."

A -"I first met you . . .

D -"When did you enter the service?"

A -"In '21."

D -"I entered in '16 and in until '26. You were in the Department in '22?"

A -"I was in the Department in December of '21."

D -"In '21. I was still in Turkey at that time."

A -"You were in Turkey. I forgot."

D -"Yes, I served in Turkey from the end of '20 to the middle of '22. About a year and a half. I was Admiral Briscoe's sort of senior diplomat when he was High Commissioner.

A -"When he was there as High Commissioner. They are still talking about that period."

D-"Oh, that was a good period. Fine Man. You'll find out that there is still a great aid to yourself, Betty Karr. Do you remember Betty Karr?

A -"What was she, was she born out there?"

D -"She was born out there. She was Lebanese. Her father was rather important, I think it goes back to Rumanian but she's got some Rumanian, Belgium, she's gotten all kinds. But she's true blue, that gal."

A -"That's wonderful."

D -"She can give you more of the background. She served every Ambassador since old Henry Morgantown. She started in 1916."

A -"Before World War I."

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25X1 D -"Before we entered. [redacted] and all the people out there just swear by Betty. I hear from her from time to time."

25X1 D -"She's at [redacted] most of the time."

A -"I'd like to carry your greeting."

D -"I wish you would."

A -"A friend of yours sent similiar greetings yesterday or maybe it was the day before yesterday. Holland Shaw."

D -Oh yes, Holland."

A -"Yes, he sends his best greetings and others have. So I hope she will continue there and they won't send her off somewhere else, because I have a feeling she doesn't want a transfer."

D -"Oh no, that is the place for her until she has to retire."

A -"Then she'll probably want to live there."

D -"Then she'll want to live there and come back to the United States from time to time. I don't know but I think she'll live there. I think she had an offer from the Hilton Hotel as I understand, one time. She'll do a fine job. I was out in Ankara in August, the 10th of August around there or was it early in September. I was out there just in time for the riots.

A -"You were?"

D -"Yes."

A -"Were you out . . .

D -"No, I was there just before the bank meeting. As a matter of fact I cleaned out on a Friday and they came in on Saturday. I was just there to see my people and talk things over with them. I just spent a day here, two days in Ankara, one day in Istanbul then went on. I have very, very pleasant recollections over there.

A -"It's changed a lot since the '20s."

D -"They are great people. They have their difficulties on the economic side but that doesn't change the fact that they are very staunch politically.

A -""If I understand, they will be staunch, they will be courageous even when things are not going well."

D -"That's right. You probably had all the briefing on the economic side. I don't know, have our people talked to you on what we are doing out there?"

A -"No, not yet. I will be very interested to hear what they have to say.

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D -"Do you have a match?"

A -"Yes, I'll enjoy it this way for the time being."

A -"Well I'm glad you've been out there. I hope you'll be coming out there while I'm there."

D -"Well I certainly will. I'm planning to make a trip out to the Far East and come back that way. I don' know where I'll be stopping. I find the best time to get away is during the time of the campaign. If there's anything we can do, as I said, if anything goes wrong you let me know. [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] is a very good fellow. He has had a long experience in this. He's quiet and doesn't get too excited and handles himself very well."

A -"Well if anything, I don't expect as you don't, I don't expect anything to come up, if it should I'll get in touch. Out there we will try to work, we will have one team, we're all working together."

D -"Your namesake is very kind to us out there."

A -"Good. I understand he's back in the country but I haven't seen him.

D -"I haven't seen him either."

A -"I would like to see him a few times. Course he's an old friend."

D -"That's very interesting, getting two people with the same name. One succeeding the other."

A -"I don't know if it has ever happened before."

D -"I never heard of it."

D -"Warren is a fine name, but not as common as Smith, Jones or Brown or a lot of other ones."

A -"It is quite unusual."

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D-"It's very well represented here. Are you any relation to the Chief Justice?"

A -"No sir, I'm not. I'm related to a group that started out in Massachusetts and in Massachusetts, they seperated. One branch went through New York and the West. The other went down South to North Carolina and I belong to the Southern branch. They came out of Massachusetts before 1754.

D -"Shall I bring the other boys in?"

A-"Yes sir."

D -"Do you have anything you want to say to me?"

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D -"Any questions you want to ask?"

A -"No, nothing else."

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(Mr. Dulles calls for the other gentlemen)

[redacted]

A -"You know that helped him locally. That fact, the fact that he made a good impression on the Secretary of State, that helped him."

25X1 [redacted] enter.)

D -"Do you know [redacted] branch?" 25X1

25X1 A -[redacted]

D -"A good Italian name. Bring up your chairs so you are not in the way of each other. Now we were just going over old times. Ambassador was in the State Department the days when I was Chief of the Near Eastern Division. What was your first Post, you had a lot of them?"

A -"Havana."

D -"Was Summer (phonetic) there in your days?"

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A -"No, he came after I was there. I would say a couple of years after I was there.

D -"I was down in Havana, went down last year, get a few things straightened away down there and I had a very good time with Ba tista. He sent me, I don' think these are the particular ones, I think that Arthur Gardner sent me those."

A -"I've been enjoying Mr. Gardner's cigar. I've never met him."

D -"Very nice fellow. I went down there and I got him to sign his book "The Sergeant called Batista", I don't know whether you've read it or not."

A -"No, I haven't read it."

D -"It's a very amusing book. But that's a quotation from one of Summers dispatches. You can realize Summers being a little bit "hoity toity" when he finds a sergeant as Head of State. [redacted] 25X1 and was surprised and grim to find a sergeant named Batista with whom he had to deal. He wasn't use to dealing with sergeants."

(General Cabell enters)

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D -"The one with the liquor and the women?"

G -"There are a lot of reporters in the anteroom waiting."

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D -"This is being done here?"

[redacted]

D -"It is hard to stop it."

G -"I see no reason why they shouldn't, except conditioned upon their own willingness, as individuals to appear. But that is being checked out on the community."

D -"Would you like to sit down?"

G -"Well I'll be glad to."

D -"You haven't briefed the Ambassador yet, have you?"

G -"No sir."

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